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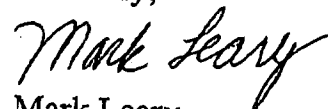
Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As part of the open 60-day comment period, I would like to share my thoughts on the Microsoft Anti Trust case. This bogus lawsuit has been a terrible waste of tax dollars and government resources. I do believe there are other more pressing matters on which our government should be concentrating. The proposed settlement is a more than reasonable end to this lawsuit and I hope that our Justice Department will make the right decision for our entire country.

Microsoft is responsible for making the technology industry what it is today. Their exceptional products have changed the way people do business and how everyday people communicate with one another. This settlement, while limiting Microsoft's own competitive abilities, will certainly foster competition among the entire computer industry. They are changing the way they do business, allowing computer makers to pre-install competing software on Windows. Microsoft has agreed to share more information with their competitors, even though they spent their own time, money and resources developing the technology. The settlement is a very just solution to ending this lawsuit.

Sincerely,

  
Mark Leary